(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to manufacture artificial kidneys and dialysis machines.

(d) The kidney diseases are largely caused by diabetes, hypertension etc. These are life style related diseases. Healthy life Style is being propagated through various multi media methods *viz.* electronic, print media etc. The pilot phase of National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke has been launched in January, 2008.

Subsidised treatment for BPL people

84. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to ask the hospitals from private sector to gross subsidise treatment and provide treatment at low cost or free of cost to the people from the below poverty line;

(b) if so, whether the corporate hospitals have responded positively to the proposals endorsed by Government;

(c) if so, by when the above proposal would be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No such proposal is under consideration. However, in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in writ petition No.2866/2002 titled as Social Jurist *Vs.* Govt. of NCT of Delhi and others, all the private hospitals to whom land has been allotted at concessional rates have been directed by the Hon'ble Court to comply the condition of free treatment to the extent of 25% OPD and 10% IPD.

Denial of treatment at AIIMS

85. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a blood cancer patient was recently turned away by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) as reported in the newspapers on the 11th June, 2008;

(b) whether the inability of her family to meet the cost of treatment was the reason for her being denied the admission; and

(c) whether Government proposes to legally bind all hospitals in the country to keep a part of their earnings in a separate fund for providing treatment to the needy and allowing them to raise donations which may qualify for tax exemptions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) All India Institute of Medical Sciences has